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FROM USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: ICAO ASSEMBLY - INFORMAL MEETING WITH DIALLO/SENEGAL

1. DURING INFORMAL TALKS WITH DIALLO, USREP FOUND HIS ATTITUDE UNUSUALLY CORDIAL, FORTHCOMING. HE DISCUSSED HIS SUMMER MEETINGS IN AFRICA (OCAM, AIR AFRIQUE, AFCAC) BUT SAID THEY WERE NOT DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO ICAO. MENTIONED HIS NEW APPOINTMENT CONFIDENTIALLY. FOLLOWING PERSONAL CHAT HE DISCUSSED ASSEMBLY:

2. HE EXPECTS QUIET ASSEMBLY "AFTER FIRST WEEK AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS." HE ASKED IF US FAVORS BELGIAN PROPOSAL TO INCREASE COUNCIL, USREP SAID DO NOT HAVE FINAL POSITION. HE SAID UNQUALIFIEDLY HE IS OPPOSED RPT OPPOSED TO INCREASE AND WILL OPPOSE IT UNLESS UNEXPECTED STRONG INSTRUCTIONS OTHERWISE RECEIVED LAST MINUTE FROM SENEGAL. HE SAID 30 OF 130 MEMBERSHIP IS ENOUGH AND ADEQUATELY REPRESENTATIVE. HE ASKED IF USREP KNEW OF THE (3) EE FILINGS AND THEN ADDED "NOW WE SEE WHY THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL." FYI: HE DID NOT MENTION DEFEATED "SENEGAL PROPOSAL" NOR ANY CHANGE IN NUMBERS OR PROCEDURE. USREP DID NOT QUERY BUT WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOW UP MORE APPROPRIATE TIME. END FYI.

3. HE FIRST MENTIONED SICKLE CELL ANEMIA AS BEING MOST CONTROVERSIAL AND REQUIRING MUCH DISCUSSION. (THIS EMPHASIS MAY REFLECT HIS RECENT EXPOSURE TO AIR AFRIQUE AND AFRICAN OPERATING AGENCIES.)

4. HE BROUGHT UP ARABIC LANGUAGE PROPOSAL AND SAID THERE WILL BE A GREAT DEAL OF CONTROVERSY AND OPPOSITION BECAUSE OF EXPENSE, BUT SINCE "US NOW LIMITED TO 25 PERCENT IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE CONCERNED ABOUT MONEY MATTERS". USREP RESPONDED THAT 25 PERCENT OF DOLS 2 MILLION WAS A LOT OF MONEY.

5. HE SAID "GOD WILLING, NO INCIDENTS" THE SECURITY ITEM SHOULD BE ROUTINE BUT SAID US SECURITY REQUIREMENTS WERE VERY COSTLY AND NOTED USG HAD RECENTLY "ALLOCATED 28 MILLION DOLLARS" WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES COULD NOT AFFORD. USREP RESPONDED THAT ONE OR TWO INCIDENTS, NOT PREVENTED, COULD COST ALMOST THAT MUCH.

6. ON THE OTHER US ITEM "ICAO RELATIONS WITH REGIONAL BODIES" US REP INDICATED WILL BE USEFUL AND POSITIVE. HE SAID OBSERVERS AT AFCAC WERE LOOSENING UP AND LETTERS OF INTEREST IN CERTAIN ITEMS MIGHT LEAD TO INVITATION TO NEXT AFCAC ASSEMBLY. ALL AIRLINES OPERATING IN REGION ARE INVITED BUT HE THOUGHT THEY PARTICIPATE THROUGH ORGANIZATIONS.

7. REGARDING BUDGET, HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THE "LATIN AMERICAN PROPOSAL RE PER CAPITA INCOME" FOR REDUCING ASSESSMENTS AS BEING VERY CONTROVERSIAL AND LEADING TO MUCH DISCUSSION. (SINCE COUNCIL RECOMMENDED MOST FAVORABLE ALTERNATIVE (UN FORMULA) HE MUST ANTICIPATE OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL RATHER THAN REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE.)

8. RE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, USREP INDICATED "CHANGES WERE TAKING PLACE IN AFRICA". HE SAID THAT PORTUGAL'S NEW POLICY HAS LED "SOME AFRICANS" TO CONSIDER "ACKNOWLEDGING PORTUGAL" IN THE ASSEMBLY. HE EMPHASIZED SENEGAL'S DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PORTUGAL AND SAID THIS WAS RESULT OF TWO QUIET PERSONAL VISITS OF PRES. SENGHOR TO PORTUGAL DURING WHICH HE OFFERED TO RECOGNIZE PORTUGAL IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT RECOGNIZED GUINEA-BISSAU. NOW WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS BECAUSE PORTUGAL COULD RENEGE IN WHICH CASE SO WOULD SENEGAL. FYI. HE DID NOT MENTION POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARAB LEAGUE LIB. MOVEMENTS PROPOSAL. END FYI.

9. MIN TRANSPORT/SENEGAL MAY HEAD DELEGATION FIRST WEEK, BUT DIALLO WILL BE WORKING CHAIRMAN.

10. RE COUNCIL SEATS, HE SAID TWO OCAM SEATS ARE SENEGAL AND MALAGASY. MALAGASY FILED INDEPENDENTLY BUT "IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO OCAM SEATS" SO OCAM AGREED TO SPONSOR

MALAGASY.

11. COMMENT: DIALLO PLEASED WITH NEW APPT, RELAXED ABOUT ASSEMBLY.
MAY BE VERY COOPERATIVE, ESPECIALLY TOWARD U.S.
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